

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that on SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing time), sealed bids will be opened and read in public by the Purchasing Agent in the Mercer County McDade Administration Building, 640 South Broad Street, Room 321 Third Floor, Trenton, New Jersey for:

**REBID LAWRENCEVILLE-HOPEWELL TRAIL UPGRADES  
TWIN PINES TRAIL UPGRADES  
ROSEDALE LAKE IMPROVEMENTS  
REED/BRYAN BARN ENTRANCE RENOVATIONS  
BALDPATE MOUNTAIN IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE  
MERCER COUNTY PARK COMMISSION AB2014-31B**

Bids shall be delivered in sealed envelopes and addressed to Marcella Covello, Purchasing Agent, Room #321, 640 South Broad Street, Third Floor, P.O. Box 8068, Trenton, NJ 08650-0068.

**With the exception of the United States Postal Service, express mail shall be delivered to the Department of Purchasing, Room 321 640 S. Broad Street, Third Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08611.**

Specifications and drawings may be obtained at the Department of Purchasing for a fee of \$30.00 made payable to the County of Mercer during office hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

### **SCHEDULE:**

RELEASE:	AUGUST 29, 2014
PREBID CONFERENCE:	SEPTEMBER 5, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M. AT 640 S. BROAD STREET, ROOM 321, TRENTON, NJ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY SITE VISITS
QUESTIONS:	SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 TO <a href="mailto:MCOVELLO@MERCERCOUNTY.ORG">MCOVELLO@MERCERCOUNTY.ORG</a> BY 4:00 P.M.
ADDENDA ISSUED:	SEPTEMBER 12, 2014
OPEN BIDS:	SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 AT 11:00 A.M.

The County of Mercer does not release the project estimate.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A.10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Mercer County Procurement Website:

<http://nj.gov/counties/mercercounty/procurement/bidsopp.html>

COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY  
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Purchasing Agent  
AB2014-31B  
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## **INTENT**

The County of Mercer received no bids for this project on August 22, 2014; therefore we are issuing a second request for bids. The County of Mercer requests bids for supplying the necessary construction materials for and constructing trail and parking lot improvements at the identified sites located at the following locations:

Baldpate Mountain Visitors Ctr., 28 Fiddlers Creek Road, Titusville, NJ 08560, Mercer

Reed/Bryan Farm on Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

Rosedale Lake on Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

Twin Pines Trail adjacent to Reed Farm on Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

Lawrence Hopewell Trail adjacent to Old Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

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## **BASE AND ALTERNATES ONE AND TWO**

Refer to the technical specifications and drawings. There is a base bid and add alternate bid one, for the Baldpate Driveway Paving and add alternate bid two for the Reed Bryan Farm Entrance Renovation.

The Mercer County Park Commission will obtain the Mercer County Soil Conservation District Certification and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Wetland GP. The awarded contractor shall be responsible for all other permits, if required.

## **PAVING**

**As this project involves** more than 1,000 tons of hot mix asphalt, the County will permit INCREASED OR DECREASED price adjustments in the cost of asphalt. Fuel price adjustments are based on DOT standards for the type of construction equipment and the work done by different equipment. For fuel price adjustments, at least 500 gallons of fuel based on the DOT equipment standards are required for a price adjustment, and then, only in those months when the price fluctuated more than five percent.

NJDOT maintains a [web site of index rates for asphalt and fuel](#) that are adjusted monthly. The law provides that when the quantity or equipment use thresholds are reached, fuel price adjustments are made, using the change in index rate from the time of bidding to when the work was performed. The change is treated as a "pay item" in construction contracts.

## **LANDSCAPING GUARANTEE**

For a period of one year after the Owner's initial acceptance and establishment of the beginning date of the Guarantee Period, and at no additional cost, the Contractor shall replace any trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers, seeded or other miscellaneous plant materials that are dead or that are, in the opinion of the County Representative or Design Engineer, in unhealthy or unsightly condition, or that have lost their natural shape due to dead branches, excessive pruning or inadequate or improper maintenance by the Contractor. All replacement planting is to be done no later than the next succeeding planting season. Replacement of planting is to be in accordance with the original specifications and its costs considered to be included in the bid price. Any replaced material is also to be guaranteed for a period of one year.

## **LIGHTING GUARANTEE**

The lighting systems shall be warranted for a period of three years.

### **BRAND OR EQUIVALENT**

All references to brand names in the technical specifications shall be interpreted as brand or equivalent.

### **EXPERIENCE**

Bidders shall name their electrical subcontractor or state that the work will be performed "In-House". Responsible Bidders and subcontractors shall have five years experience in providing a similar scope of work and bidder shall submit three verifiable references with their bid.

### **SCHEDULE AND COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS**

Project Substantial Completion: Work will commence within Ten (10) Calendar Days after receipt of written "Notice to Proceed" and be substantially completed within 120 calendar days from the receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$250.00 per calendar day shall be assessed if the project is not completed within the stated time of completion.

### **AS BUILTS DRAWINGS AND OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS**

The awarded contractor may be required to provide As-Built Drawings if stated in the technical specifications. The consultant Architect and or Engineer will provide the specification for As-Built drawings if required.

The awarded contractor shall provide three copies of the Operating and Maintenance Manual and two electronic versions of the O&M manual upon Acceptance of the Project. Payment will not be released until Manuals are turned over to the County Project Manager. One hard copy and electronic copy shall be forwarded to the Department of Purchasing.

### **WARRANTIES**

As specified in the technical specifications.

The awarded contractor shall provide background checks on all employees working on the project. Bidders shall provide references of three projects of similar type over the past three years.

Contractors shall comply and adhere to all requirements of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act and Public Works Contractor Registration Act. The awarded contractor shall submit a certified payroll record to the owner within ten (10) days of the payment of wages. The contractor is also responsible for obtaining and submitting all subcontractors' certified payroll records within the aforementioned time period. The contractor shall submit said certified payrolls to the County. It is the contractor's responsibility to obtain any additional copies of the certified payroll form to be submitted by contacting the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workplace Standards. All work to be performed shall be in accordance with the Project Documents, Drawings and Specifications.

The County will retain 2% of the awarded contractor's progress payments until completion and acceptance of the project.

The following must be provided with the bid proposal package:

- Contractor and named Subcontractor must be registered as Public Works Contractors with the New Jersey Department of Labor at the time of bid submittal. The contractor and named subcontractor's certification must be provided prior to the contract award.
- There is ELECTRICAL WORK; therefore the General Contractor must reference IN-HOUSE if work is performed in-house or the name of the Subcontractor(s) performing the work.
- Reference Sub-prime Contractors only (Electrical)

- Bid Bond
- Consent of Surety
- Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond due from the Awarded Contractor
- One Year, 100% Maintenance Bond due from the Awarded Contractor upon acceptance of the Project
- Stockholder Disclosure Statement
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addenda (if issued)
- Affirmative Action Statement

Prior to the contract award, a copy of the New Jersey Business Registration for the General Contractor and any named Subcontractors must be provided. There is Electrical work; therefore the GC must submit their New Jersey Business Registration and the Business Registration for subcontractors prior to the contract award.

#### **INTERVIEW AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

The County will interview the apparent low bidder prior to the recommendation of award and the awarded contractor shall agree to schedule a contract kick-off meeting to familiarize personnel with the terms and conditions of the contract.

#### **PROMPT PAYMENT**

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 2A:30A-1 et seq., the County of Mercer shall impose the following payment process:

The County of Mercer shall pay the submitted bill not more than 30 calendar days after the receipt of the bill by the Owner's Representative if the contractor has performed in accordance with the contract and the work has been approved and certified by the Owner's Representative. The billing shall be deemed "approved" and "certified" 20 calendar days after the owner's representative receives it, unless the Owner's Representative provides, before the end of the 20-day period, a written statement of the amount withheld and the reason for withholding payment.